# ERAP & T-RAP Technical Assistance Meeting



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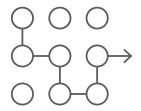
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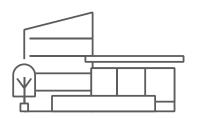
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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Legislative Update
- ERAP questions/concerns Poll!
- T-RAP timeline
- Guideline updates
- Review Forms
- Questions about application or other

### Housekeeping:

- This call is being recorded.
- PowerPoint slides and Zoom recording will be posted on Commerce website.
- Link will be sent to all lead grantees.

## State Legislative Update

WA State legislation House Bill 1277 – new state eviction prevention and housing stability services

https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1277&Initiative=false&Year=2021

# Federal Legislative Update

# The American Rescue Plan – new federal rental assistance funding

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/legislation/2021/01/20/president-biden-announces-american-rescue-plan/

Between the federal stimulus package passed in December and the one making its way through Congress, there could soon be more than \$45 billion in financial assistance available.

All states have already been allocated funds from a \$25 billion pot of federal money included in the earlier relief bill, and the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package in the works and expected to pass this month sets aside another \$20 billion.

#### **ERAP Questions**

Any questions or concerns specific to the ERAP grant guidelines?

Poll time – how many of you are currently assistance households with the new grant amendment funds?

Spanish, Korean, Marshallese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Russian and Amharic forms online today!

# T-RAP Contracting –Timeline Estimate

Task	Date
Award chart sent with grantee information sheet	Due back today
Finalize guidelines and forms	3/5
Contracts sent	Week of 3/8

# T-RAP Guideline Updates

- Admin language
- Dispute Resolution Center Partnership
- Policies and Procedures

#### T-RAP Forms – Let's Review!

- Household Information-Eligibility-Documentation Form
- Payment Agreement Form Rent
- Payment Agreement Form Utilities
- Report Form

## Future Meeting Topics

What do you want to focus on?

Poll time!



# Thank you!

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# Questions?

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